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First-hand Lesson on Holocaust

Expressions of the Holocaust: GMU group gathers survivors to share memories.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

“**O**n the seventy-seventh anniversary of when supposedly civilized nations lost their collective minds, we are here to learn the lesson – first hand - of what can happen when people just stand by and do nothing.” That was how George Mason University President Dr. Angel Cabrera described the Expressions of the Holocaust event, organized by Mason Hillel, the school’s Jewish life organization, at which he was a guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 25.

As he greeted the assembly of thirty Holocaust survivors, families, friends, Hillel members, students and community guests, Cabrera was referring to the upcoming anniversary of Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass), the night in 1938 when mob violence (later aided by Nazi Storm Troopers, members of the SS and Hitler Youth) broke out across Germany, Austria and other Nazi controlled areas. By morning, untold numbers of Jews were beaten or murdered. Jewish homes and businesses were looted or destroyed. Hundreds of synagogues were vandalized or burnt to the ground, and some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested to be later sent to concentration camps. Many historians view Kristallnacht as the public ignition point of the Nazis’ determination to rid the Jewish presence from anywhere within their sphere of control and influence.

Groups like Mason Hillel are determined that the lessons of the past are not lost. “This is our third program dedicated to Holocaust education and remembrance,” said Taylor Kreinces, chair of the event. “We will hear memories of our honored guests to better understand their lessons of the Holocaust...to share their experiences and wisdom for future generations.” Kreinces asked participants to take a memory from the event and share it, hoping that they, too, will share. “It’s the only way to ‘never forget.’”

AFTER THE KOSHER LUNCH plates were cleared away, student ambassadors started the conversations at each of the round tables with group introductions. Then the survivors began to tell their stories.

Anna Grosz, born Anna Seelfreund on April 20, 1926 in Racsa, Romania, was the daughter of Samuel, a vineyard owner and wine merchant, and Ilona, who cared for Anna and her five sisters. When Anna was 14, her town of Racsa suddenly became part of Hungary, separated from Romania by arbitration between the Axis partners Germany and Italy. The vineyard and the busi-



Taking the stage for a group photo with the honored guests Holocaust Survivors up front and the students ambassadors and members of Mason Hillel in the back at the third Expressions of the Holocaust: Memories event at George Mason University.



Holocaust survivors Felix Nicinski and Dr. Maria Dworzecka with student ambassador Brian Garrett-Glazer. Garrett-Glazer, a May graduate of George Mason University, was ‘honored to be given the opportunity to facilitate the conversation’ at the table at which Nicinski and Dworzecka shared their stories of the Holocaust. “We are so bombarded with the breaking-news syndrome. This is a chance to hear the personal story and feel its powerful impact.” Nicinski, who lost his family during the Holocaust, described trying to readjust to “normal” life after being liberated. “I hadn’t held a toothbrush in my hand in 5 years. I hadn’t sat down to eat a meal in all the time. It took awhile before things started to feel normal.”

ness were confiscated under Hungary’s anti-Semitic laws and Samuel was conscripted into the Hungarian Labor Service. The family received a few letters from Samuel at first, then nothing. Samuel Seelfreund never returned home and was never heard from again.

Anna, her mother and her sisters were eventually forced into the Satu-Mare ghetto. From there they were moved to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Anna and her sisters Gisella, Clara and Elizabeth were selected for forced labor after their hair was cut and they were disinfected. Her mother and sisters Margaret and Violet did not survive their first night at Auschwitz. They were sent to the gas chambers almost immediately.

Anna survived life in Auschwitz, then Stutthoff, and then the Praust subcamp. In 1945 the sisters were separated when the SS evacuated most of the prisoners at

Praust, leaving Anna behind since she was “unfit” after breaking her leg. Sister Elizabeth was shot and killed during that evacuation march, but Anna was reunited with Gisella and Clara after Soviet troops liberated the prisoners at Praust.

At another table, Felix Nicinski described his internment at Dora when he was just twelve years old. The camp was mostly underground, safe from Allied air raids, and the prisoners tasked with digging tunnels into the surrounding mountains for subterranean weapons and missile production. “There were 12,000 people held in those tunnels,” recalled Nicinski. “For six months we did not see the light of day. Can you imagine that?” But the worst part for this survivor was having everything taken from him upon his arrival. “They took everything we had. They took the pictures I had of my family. I lost them all and that hurts, that I have no pictures of them.”



Anna Grosz tells her story at the Expressions of the Holocaust event. Grosz volunteers at the United States Holocaust Museum “to help keep the past alive, but from happening again.”

Maria Dworzecka was another Holocaust survivor at the same table. She made light of her experiences, saying she didn’t have it as bad as others like Felix. After hearing how she never knew her father or found out what happened to him when her parents were unable to flee Warsaw, or how she was left in the streets at less than three years old when her mother was suddenly taken away to a camp, her table companions couldn’t bring themselves to agree with her. Three years later Maria’s mother was able to return home, looking for her daughter, but it took months before Maria could re-bond with her mother and they could become a family again. Sadly, only 3 years after their reunion, Maria’s mother was killed in a car accident, and Maria was again adopted by a Jewish family.

“But good can come from bad,” she reminded her listeners. Maria earned her PhD

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NEWS

Cook, Kincaid and Silverthorn Host Domestic Violence Awareness Event

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Fairfax County reports nearly 160 domestic violence arrests are made each month in the county. To bring more attention to this issue and in light of October being declared Domestic Violence Awareness month in Fairfax County, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) hosted his third annual Stop Domestic Violence Community Awareness Event on Oct. 15 at Chuy's restaurant in Fairfax.

Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne and Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid were co-hosts of the event, which also featured executive director and chief executive officer of Shelter House Joe Meyer.

“Fairfax County is committed to helping those affected by domestic violence,” Cook said in a statement. “As a community, we are all working hard to shed light on the issue of family violence in an effort to reduce its occurrence within our county and to provide those affected with knowledge on where they can get much needed assistance. There are so many people



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From left, City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne, City of Fairfax Council member Michael DeMarco, Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) and executive director and chief executive officer of Shelter House Joe Meyer met at Chuy's restaurant in Fairfax on Oct. 15 to raise awareness for stopping domestic violence and providing support services for domestic violence victims.

who work very hard behind the scenes and I want to especially thank them for all that they do for this cause.”

For more information on domestic violence statistics in Fairfax

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—TIM PETERSON

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Offered by the nonprofit WRAP, the Halloween SoberRide program will go into operation at 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, and operate until 4 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, as a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday period.

During this six-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to a \$30 fare), safe way home. AT&T wireless customers can dial #WRAP for the same service.

Local taxicab companies throughout the Washington Met-

ropolitan area provide this no-cost service to local residents age 21 and older who otherwise may attempt to drive home after drinking. SoberRide is offered in the: District of Columbia; throughout the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and throughout the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, eastern Loudoun and Prince William.

"The scary fact is that nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths occurring during Halloween are caused by drunk drivers," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's President.

Last Halloween's SoberRide program provided nearly 300 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Washington Metropolitan area.

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Mason Hillel's mission in organizing the Expressions of the Holocaust event is to ensure that the memories and the lessons are not forgotten, but instead passed to the next generation. Looking at the faces of those listening to the story of Irene Weiss, showing a picture of the moment when her family was separated at Auschwitz and her mother, older brother and three younger siblings were shot and killed, it would appear that the mission is being fulfilled.

Memories of Holocaust

FROM PAGE 3

in Physics in 1969, and has been teaching at George Mason University since 1982, holding the post of Senior Associate Dean, College of Science from 2006 until 2011. She is also the adoptive mother of daughter Anna. "That just feels right," she says.

you were in the middle of it." Echoing GMU President Cabrera's remarks, Michel responded that perhaps the most shocking thing of all was that this could all happen in "civilized countries."

Prompted by the student ambassadors and interesting questions from their tablemates, the memories continued to flow, but eventually talk turned to how these terrible lessons of yesterday could be used to better circumstances and situations of today.

AROUND THE ROOM the stories continued, like that of Michel Margosis, born in Belgium to Russian-Jewish parents who had fled there after Michel's father escaped imprisonment in Siberia. Michel's family left Belgium for southern France when he was 14 years old, four days after the Germans invaded Belgium. They escaped from a French internment camp, hid with friends for a year, then walked across the Pyrenees mountains into Spain, where they stayed until Michel was sent to the United States via Portugal, where after 3 years in foster care he was finally reunited with his family.

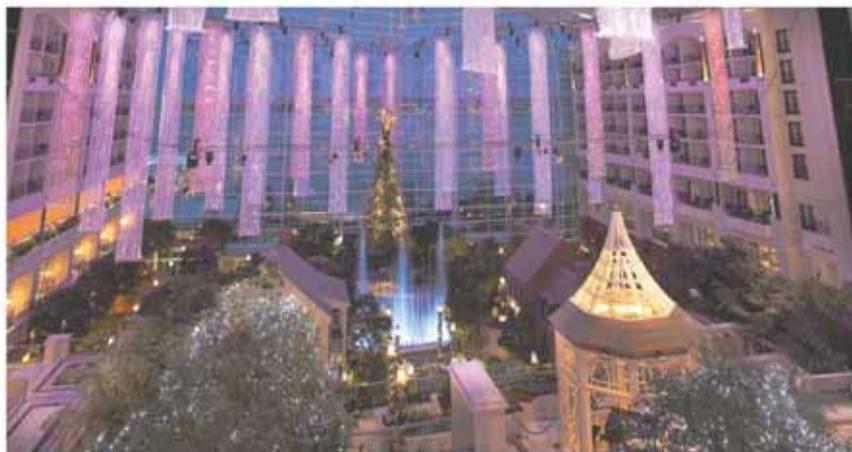
"As painful as it might be, take 'Never Forget' to heart," said Grosz. "Share your stories, like we are doing today," said Michel Margosis. "Listen. Learn. Take action," said student ambassador Brian Garrett-Glaser. "Pass it along and don't let the stories die with this generation," said Leonie Vandersee, newly arrived from Berlin to work with the American Jewish Committee via the Action Reconciliation Service for Peace.

"How did you handle the shock of all that, moving, hiding, separated from your family and coming to the US all on your own?" asked one of Michel's listeners. "I don't know," he answered. "I think after a while nothing was shocking at that time, when

"And don't forget," said Dr. Maria Dworzecka, "the real evil is to just stand by and think this can't happen, or I can't do anything. Remember that Hitler was chosen in a democratic election. Everyone needs to stand up, not stand by."



Leonie Vandersee, only a month in America from Germany, talks with Holocaust survivor Michel Margosis and Bahador Nezhad, who introduced himself at the table as "not Jewish, but privileged to be here and be part of this moment. I was pleased to be invited."



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In-Custody Death Of Inmate Investigated

Paul Guida, a 68-year-old man, was arrested on Oct. 1 and brought to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center (ADC) on the charge of violating a protective order three times within 20 years, according to the Sheriff's Office. He did not have a bond. Immediately after he was booked, he was moved to a cell in the ADC's infirmary due to his medical conditions. The infirmary houses inmates with medical conditions that require frequent observation and treatment by medical staff.

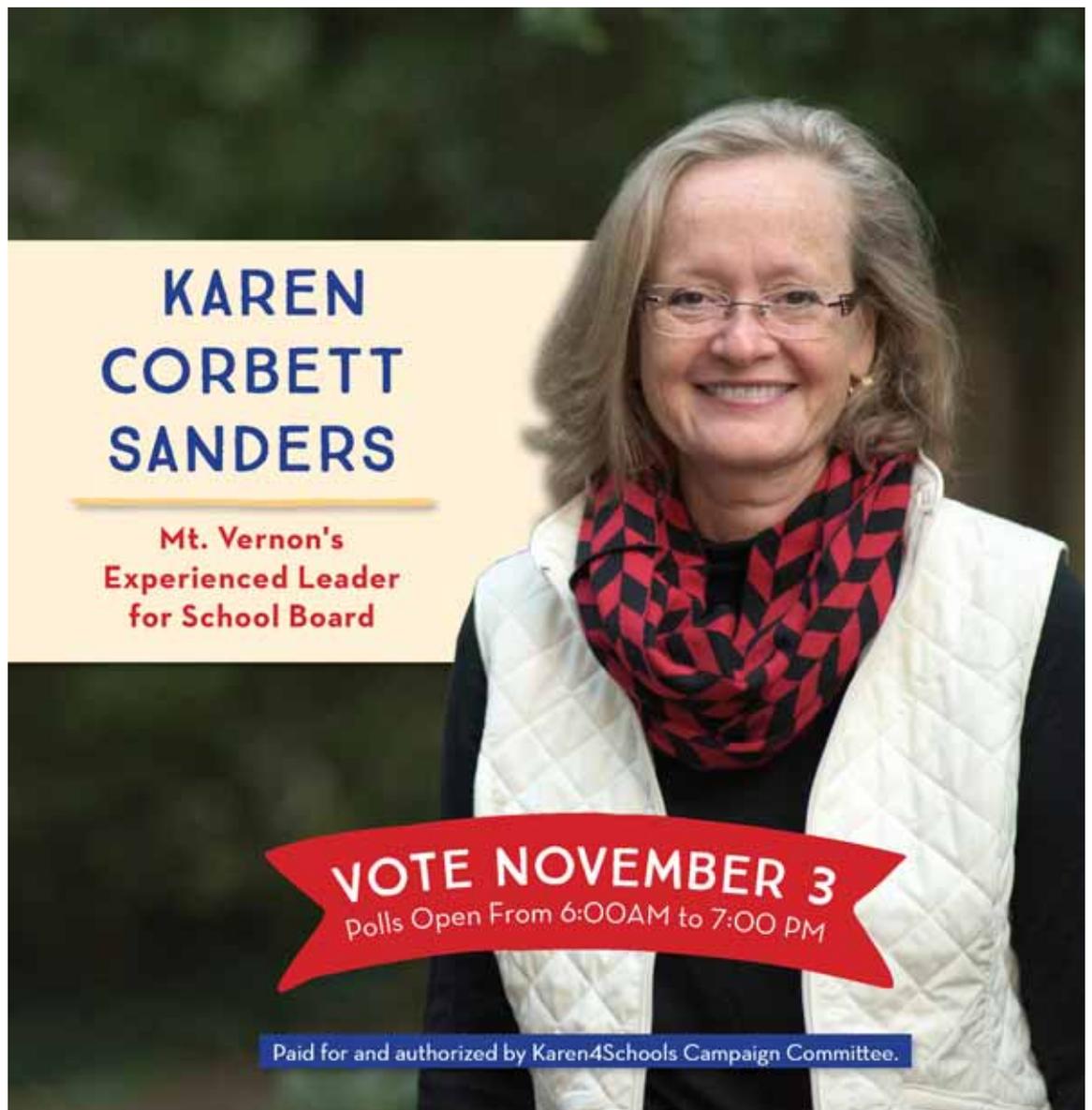
On Oct. 17, at 10:58 p.m., the deputy on duty checked on Guida

and found him to be unresponsive. At 11:01 p.m., staff announced a medical emergency and called for Rescue and Police. ADC medical staff and deputies administered life-saving procedures until Rescue arrived at 11:06 p.m. and took over the scene. At 11:28 p.m., Rescue transported Guida to Fairfax Hospital. At 11:48 p.m., Guida was pronounced dead by hospital staff.

Sheriff's Office policy dictates that this incident is classified as an in-custody inmate death. The Fairfax County Police Department's investigation is now underway, and the Sheriff's Office is fully cooperating.

Hunger Walk to Help in Disaster Relief

The Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22. Area residents of different faiths, cultures, and ages, will be walking together (6K/3.7 miles or shorter Golden Mile) to support local and global efforts to fight world hunger and bring disaster relief to victims of recent disasters. Nonperishable food will be collected for ECHO. Shuttle buses are available and no entry fee is required. Walker envelopes for sponsor donations are available prior to the walk or at the 1:30 p.m. registration. Walk begins 2:00 p.m., Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. www.burkecropwalk.org, 703-455-9025, ekringer@aol.com or burkeva.crop@cox.net.



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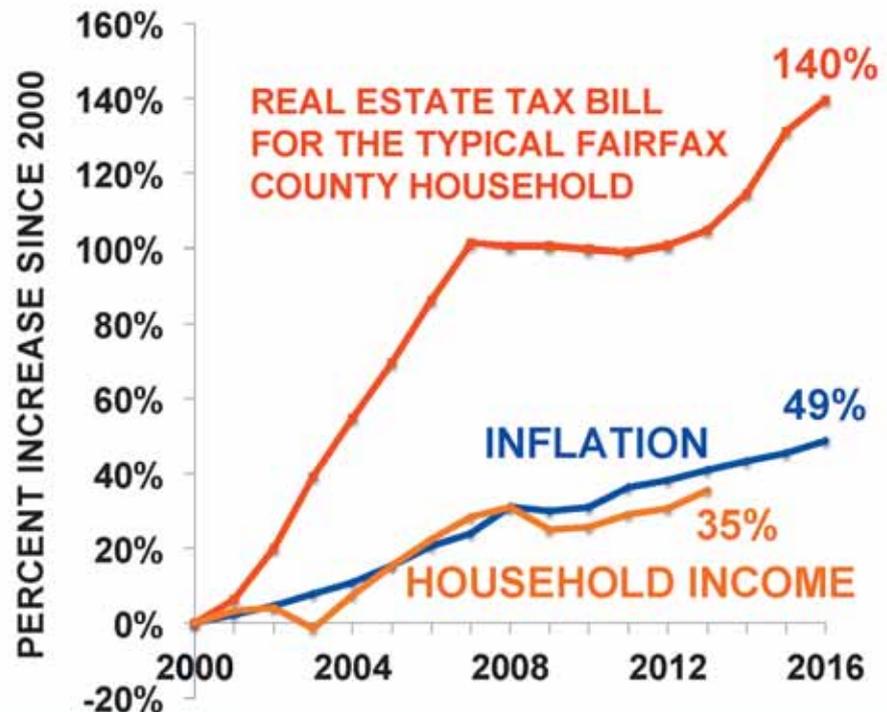
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Scott Cameron, Mount Vernon



George Lamb IV

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Three spots open to four running for key environmental and conservation board.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Three of four candidates will be elected as directors to the Soil and Water Conservation District on Nov. 3.

Three of the four candidates, Scott Cameron and incumbents George Lamb IV and Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters Jr., debated at the Great Falls Grange on Mon-

day, Oct. 19.

The Great Falls Citizens Association hosted and ran the candidate's forum at the recently renovated Grange, which is now ADA accessible.

"Real conservation, the important work in conservation happens on the ground, happens locally," said Cameron.

Peters, of Great Falls, is an incumbent on the Soil
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BY LEN FORKAS
CHAIRMAN
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over 187,000 students, its aging infrastructure is in dire need of improvements. Voting Yes on the school bond referendum will allow the county to maintain the "world class education system" which FCPS provides. This is a driving force behind our

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FCPS is the largest public school system in the Commonwealth and the 10th largest school system in the nation. Recent significant increases in student enrollment have pushed some schools far beyond capacity.

Since the 2008-2009 school year, enrollment has increased by more than 22,000 students and continued strong growth is anticipated. On top of that, existing classrooms are in dire need of renovations to assure student safety.

FCPS facilities also act as community centers with nearly 2,000

community organizations utilizing FCPS facilities every year.

Bonds are the means by which we provide the funding necessary for our students' facilities. The use of bonds avoids diverting funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction. They also spread the financing of required school construction over the improvement's usable life, diversifying the contribution throughout several years.

In addition, it is important to note that the School Bond will not increase county taxes. The sale of bonds avoids taking funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction.

The use of bonds will not affect the county's coveted bond rating. Not only are interest rates for tax exempt bonds at a near all time low, but Fairfax County is also

among the top 1 percent of counties with the highest credit rating possible for a locality. Of the nation's more than 3,000 counties, Fairfax is among only 40 that have the highest credit rating possible for a local government from all three rating agencies.

Fairfax County is home to 10 Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 300 trade associations and professional societies, and nine of Inc. magazine's 500 fastest-growing privately-owned companies. To continue the excellence in education and business that Fairfax County is known for, our schools need to be modernized.

Together, we can pass the 2015 School Bond to make the necessary investments for a brighter future for our students and our county.

Domestic Violence Includes Financial Abuse

The intertwining of domestic violence and homelessness in Fairfax County.

BY JOE MEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO
SHELTER HOUSE, INC

What if you wake up one day in fear of your physical safety? What would you do if you had absolutely no access to any of your bank accounts? What if you found yourself completely isolated from your friends and family and had no resources? Unfortunately, these are the very real situations that victims of domestic violence find themselves in before they seek out support and shelter.

Shelter House, Inc. operates Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency domestic violence shel-

ter, Artemis House. This past year, Artemis House increased its bed capacity from 34 to 42 trying to meet the needs of the 60-100 individuals who call the Artemis House hotline on a monthly-basis.

One recent Artemis House resident "had no access to the family account, credit/debit cards. [The abuser] did not even give her, as we often see, an 'allowance.' She could not even ask for feminine hygiene products. He made all the financial decisions and still accused her of stealing money," says Suzanne Pigg, director of Artemis House.

Statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence in their

lifetime. Chances are you either have been or know someone who has been in a situation of domestic violence. And in 2015, 41 percent of adults in families who were homeless reported that it was because of domestic violence. This is an alarming increase from 33 percent in 2014.

Because of the overlapping circumstances of homelessness and domestic violence, Artemis House isn't the only safe-haven for victims of domestic violence. Shelter House operates two other family shelters—Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters—that house an overwhelming amount of homeless families who have also experienced and been

affected by domestic violence. This is an addition to Shelter House's transitional and permanent supportive housing services – programs that also see a large amount of cases where families are affected by domestic violence.

Why are so many families who are homeless affected by domestic violence? One big reason is 98 percent of domestic violence cases involve financial abuse. Many families who are homeless have experienced having an abuser control their access to accounts, imposing a strict allowance of funds or coercing them into signing documents for loans or leases. The ways in which financial abuse occurs varies, but is a consistent threat and serves as an effective and damaging way for an abuser to keep a victim under their control.

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LETTERS

Experience and Results

To the Editor:
State. Sen. George Barker isn't a party politician. He brings sides together, and looks at each issue individually to see how it affects Virginians in our district and across the Commonwealth. As a result, he has proven himself to be a thoughtful, effective leader for Northern Virginia.

Even before being elected to the Senate, Barker was working hard and delivering results for our community. As a PTA president and chair of the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission, he led numerous efforts to improve our schools and fix our transportation system and was named Fairfax County's Citizen of the Year for his service. I am personally grateful for his significant contribution to the positive outcome of a VDOT project in my

neighborhood that brought people together, saved the taxpayers money and saved the natural character of our road.

During his two terms in office, Sen. Barker has continued that work. He has sponsored more bills on education than anyone in the Senate, and was a key player in passing transportation legislation that is helping to improve our roads and reduce congestion.

Sen. Barker is the candidate who has the experience and the ability to get things done for Northern Virginia, and he has the track record to prove it. He is truly committed to serving people and I am proud to know him. This is why I am supporting Sen. George L. Barker for reelection this November.

Raul Tuset
Fairfax Station

Distasteful Campaign Literature

To the Editor:

As a mother, wife, sister and Navy Veteran, I am sickened that Bryan Wolfe, candidate for Fairfax County Sheriff would exploit the death of an African American woman who died in police custody for political gain. This is downright despicable and goes directly to the heart of his character. Natasha McKenna's death was tragic and unfortunate, which everyone has acknowledged, including current Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, who is actively investigating the matter. But for Wolfe to include the photograph of this young woman on his campaign literature, I feel, is distasteful and disrespectful to her memory.

Reminding voters of McKenna's untimely death in a Fairfax County jail does not automatically translate into Wolfe being a better candidate. The fact that he would insult the electorate by his misuse of her picture on his campaign lit-

erature is unfair, at best, and at worst, reprehensible. It also is extremely insensitive, particularly to the African American community, who has historically (and disproportionately) been the victims of police brutality and violence at the hands of police around the country. Given the increasing national dissatisfaction with local police forces, which in some cases has led to riots and other unrest, these "pamphlets" do little to diffuse the situation and promote a positive, constructive dialogue.

I implore you Mr. Wolfe, if you are truly the better candidate, to find a better way to plead your case to the voters of Fairfax County. I served in the military just as you did and there is nothing honorable about the campaign you are currently running.

Kia Thomas Hamel
U.S. Navy Veteran and Fairfax County Voter

Domestic Violence

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Domestic violence and the homelessness that it can lead to are not separate or isolated issues. They are intertwined issues that affect individuals and families and communities. It is up to us as a community to speak out against abusers and stand in solidarity with those who have been victims of domestic violence and financial abuse. Part of Shelter House's outreach efforts this year have included participating in the Purple Purse Challenge, a national month-

long awareness and fundraising campaign held in October aimed at promoting financial empowerment. But much like homelessness and domestic violence, our outreach does not end in October. Help us raise awareness and make an impact by visiting www.shelterhouse.org and find out ways you can get involved.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the 24-hour county hotline or Artemis House hotline to discuss: 24 hour hotline/helpline: 703-360-7273, TTY: 703-435-1235 Artemis House: 703-435-4940.

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Candidates for State Delegate in 43th District

Paul J. McIlvaine (I)

Independent Challenger for Delegate in District 43

Town of residence: Franconia

Age: 66

Family: Married, 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 2 nieces, 1 grand nephew & niece, & 1 grandson - all Virginians!

Education: Bachelor of Electrical Engineering; Villanova University, Master of Science in (Business) Administration; George Washington University; Master of Science - National Resource Strategy; National Defense University

Offices held, dates: National Board of Directors, Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE); National Board of Governors, American Guild of Musical Artists Current Union member.

Occupation and relevant experience: Electronics Engineer, Naval Air Systems Command, A-6, P-3, S-3 and E-2 aircraft. Acquisition Project Officer, Headquarters, Marine Corps, ground-based Tactical Command & Control Systems. Management Professor; Department Chairman; Associate Dean; and Director of Corporate Planning - Defense Acquisition University, Fort Belvoir. Professional Opera Singer - Virginia Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia & others. Appeared as Scrooge in A Christmas Carol at McLean's Alden Theatre.

Community involvement: SOLE Logistics Education Award; Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Medal; Army Commander's Award for Distinguished Civilian Service; Defense Superior Civilian Service Medal & Hall of Fame, Defense Acquisition University. Washington National Wagner Society Meistersinger Award for excellence in performance, dedication & community spirit.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Independent Green Party



Mark Sickles (D)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Alexandria

Age: 58

Education: Delegate Sickles has two Masters Degrees from Georgia Tech and a B.S. from Clemson University.

Offices held, dates: 43rd Virginia House of Delegates District - 2004 - Present

Occupation and relevant experience: As a part-time legislator, Delegate Sickles works full-time for a national marine construction company based in Metropolitan New York.

Community involvement: Fairfax County Library Board, serving for 11 years and one term as Chairman. Oversaw the opening of a new library in Kingstowne and the development of a 10-year CIP with renovation of the Richard Byrd and Martha Washington libraries. Former President of United Community Ministries. Aerospace Advisory Council and the George Mason University of Conflict Analysis and Resolution's (S-CAR) Advisory Board. Active member of the Bioscience Caucus.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Virginia Professional Fire Fighters, Northern Virginia Technology Council TechPAC

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and observed first hand a dynamic region that grew faster than public infrastructure could sustain. The fight to ensure that Northern Virginia gets its fair share in order to catch up has defined my service. It is my hope to keep Virginia the type of place that anyone would want to call home. My family built a life here and I want ensure that it continues to be the best place to work, play, and to educate the next generation.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

My Republican opponent claims that she will represent the views and interests of every citizen of the 43rd District, but her personal ideology is fundamentally at odds with most of the core beliefs of my constituents. Her complete lack of respect for the institution of government makes me seriously question her commitment to protect and fight for critical services like Metro Reform, pre-k through 12 and higher education, and public safety.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

My recent appointment to the Appropriations Committee by Speaker Howell, arguably Virginia's most prominent Republican, is a clear vote of confidence in my ability to work across the aisle. Although we may disagree on some fundamental issues, I believe my Republican colleagues and I have respect for each other, which allows us to work together to pass substantive legislation, such as the landmark 2013 transportation bill.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Closing the Medicaid Coverage Gap. 2. Expanding access to pre-k for at-risk children, by reforming the Virginia Preschool Initiative and increasing funding for the program. 3. Diversification of Virginia's economy. 4. Increasing access to the ballot. 5. Fighting for transportation priorities and improving Metrorail's performance.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Ten years ago, we had many more trailers serving as classrooms in our schools. We did not have Jeff Todd Way, turn lanes at Harrison Lane, and a functioning intersection at S. Kings and Telegraph Road. The Commonwealth's 16 four-year institutions of higher learning have built the capacity to handle the numerous students from N. Virginia. We have made a big difference in the lives of many more families with disabled children.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

One thing we can do is pass HB 2011, a bill that would have prohibited "a licensed motor vehicle title lender or third party from making loans under the chapter re-regulating consumer finance loans at any place of business where a licensee conducts the business of making motor vehicle title loans."

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I would very likely support a program that improves our essential foster care system.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Closing the Coverage Gap is one of my top legislative priorities. Partisan gridlock has prevented the Governor from accepting Virginia's own tax dollars for routine care of her poorest citizens by a Medicaid managed care company, or from using Medicaid funds to purchase insurance on the exchange. In furtherance of our reputation as a well-managed state, we need to accept our own tax dollars back so as not to deny healthcare for up to 400,000 of our fellow working Virginians that live below the poverty line.



Anna Urman (R)

Challenger, Delegate District 43

Town of residence: "Groveton" - Alexandria, VA

Age: 38

Family: Married, 2 daughters

Education: Graduate, Hofstra University (BA), Georgetown University (JD), post-graduate work, George Washington University (LLM).

Occupation and relevant experience: Director, Virginia Procurement Technical Assistance Program, George Mason University. Small business owner/counselor, government contract law expert, homeowner.

Community involvement: (1) Training and counseling small businesses in government procurement; (2) Dog rescue volunteer.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Republican Liberty Caucus of Virginia, VA NextGen GOP, Sen. Mark D. Obenshain



QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

We came to the US for the American Dream — economic opportunity, religious liberty, and individual freedom. I want to ensure that this dream remains alive for my daughters' generation. I see more government, less liberty; we are over-taxed and over-regulated. I'll fight for a transparent, accountable, limited government that spends money frugally, and honors our Constitutional principles.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I believe that individuals are in better position to govern their lives than bureaucrats. I believe in parental rights, in reducing bureaucracy, in reducing taxes instead of burdening us and our children with further debts to pay for unnecessary government programs — whether it's expanding a broken Medicaid system or adding unaffordable tolls to roads that we-the-taxpayers already paid for.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

As much as it may benefit some to exacerbate the appearance of a partisan divide — there isn't enough time to point fingers and cast around blame. As a working mom, a business owner, I focus on solutions. I study problems, operate on facts, and create strategy to get things done.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

A. Decrease / eliminate taxes and regulation that hurt small businesses. B. Create meaningful contracting parity for veteran-owned business. C. Make Virginia a "No Kill" state that doesn't kill healthy, adoptable animals in our public shelters. D. Ensure that Fairfax County gets an equitable share of state funding for our roads and schools proportionate to our needs, and our contribution to the state. E. Ease regulations for "tech transfer" from public universities, which will ensure that scientific and technological developments are more easily developed into new products and services — creating technology, jobs, and wealth.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The decline in our schools is evident in increased class sizes and falling scores. The increased congestion is indicative of inadequate attention and lack of planning by current elected officials. High commercial vacancy rates and flight of businesses is a testament to our regulatory quagmire and irresponsible tax policies.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

No. I believe that adults should have the right to make their own financial decisions. Our goal should be not to regulate, but to educate, so that consumers can make informed financial choices.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

No. With federal debt careening towards \$20 trillion, "influx of federal money" means a greater debt burden to all Americans. Furthermore, 18-year-olds are legal adults and as such, should be able to participate in society. If they aren't ready to take on adult responsibilities at 18, we should ask what's wrong with the system, not throw more money at the problem.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

No. I would not advocate investment into an infrastructure for a healthcare system that may be proven unconstitutional. Furthermore, the fundamental premise of forcing citizens to buy health insurance is flawed, and I oppose it categorically. The goal of Medicaid expansion is to provide taxpayer-funded benefits to able-bodied adults who are above federal poverty level; such an expansion is enormously unfair to all taxpayers.

Candidates for State Delegate in 42nd District

David Albo (R-42)

Incumbent
Town of residence: South County / Fairfax Station
Age: 53
Family: Wife, Rita and 10 yr. old son, Ben
Education: UVA BA Economics. Law Degree U.R.
Offices held, dates: House of Delegates 1994-present
Occupation and relevant experience: Attorney. 1988 – present. (Former Prosecutor City of Fairfax, Guardian for Abused Children. Partner at Albo & Oblon, LLP. 1994 – present.)
Community involvement: Past President West Springfield Civic Association, Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Committee.
Website: www.DaveAlbo.org
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Twitter handle: Twitter.com/DaveAlbo
Three favorite endorsements: Humane Dominion (an animal protection association), Northern VA Technology Association, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce



Everyone who knows her says she is very nice. As for why should voters choose me? I deliver real results for our neighborhoods. Just take a look at my answer on #1 for some concrete examples.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I always look for a solution that both sides can live with. A compromise means that you have to take some things you don't like, in order to get things you want. That is why, unlike the Federal government, we deliver balanced budgets every year. Another example would be the 2013 Transportation Bill I co-authored. 37 Republicans and 23 Democrats voted for it. Did I like all of it? No, but I liked delivering the first bill in three decades to fix roads and rail.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Providing more in-state slots for VA colleges, repaving residential streets, keeping flow of money to Fairfax Schools, continuing to keep government spending at 2007 levels so we don't have to raise taxes, and keeping violent criminals in prison.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Lorton Prison was closed and we built SCHS, SCMS and Laurel Hill Elementary! West Springfield is still the same, just like it was when I grew up here.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? It is a free country. Government should not tell people what loans they can accept.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? Yes

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

First of all, anyone who is poor, and either (a) disabled, (b) a child, or (c) elderly, already gets Medicaid. This plan seeks to do is give free medical insurance (Medicaid) to working age people 19-64. While it would be nice to take care of everyone, we cannot afford it. Expanding Medicaid will cost \$230 million/yr., and since Medicaid has gone up 300% over the past 10 years, it could rise to \$720 million. To pay that, the state would have to increase taxes.

Joana Garcia (D)

No response received.

House District 41

Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)

Incumbent, unopposed
Town of residence: Springfield
Age: 51
Family: Married to Bob Corn, two children: Jeremy and Alana
Education: B.A. Ithaca College, J.D. American University
Offices held, dates: Member, House of Delegates, 2010-present
Occupation and relevant experience: Director of Government Relations, Albers and Company. Member: Commerce and Labor Committee, Finance Committee, Transportation Committee, Governor's Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission, Health Insurance Reform Commission, Joint Commission on Technology and Science, Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability, Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.
Community involvement: Current Chair of Jobs for Virginia Graduates, Virginia State Director, Women in Government. Member, Women's Legislative Network Board for National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL). Center for Public Policy Innovation's (CPPI) Board of Directors and the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes' Board of Directors. Past Member, Board of Directors for the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax County.
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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Sierra Club, Northern Virginia Technology Council Tech PAC



3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

While currently serving as the House Democratic Whip, I also believe in finding common ground in order to achieve results. I believe in bringing all sides of an issue to the table. When developing legislation, I often focus on building coalitions as we strive to find commonality and compromise. A reasoned approach and willingness to hear all sides is critically important in developing and passing quality legislation.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Education; 2. Economy; 3. Transportation; 4. Public Safety, including Gun Safety; 5. Advocating for the Disability Community

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Over the past 10 years, the 41st District has continued to be a great place to live and raise a family. While sequestration continues to affect our region, we have made great strides since the recession. Looking forward, it is important to me that we continue to diversify our economy and continue to fight for our quality schools, including the four high schools in the district: Lake Braddock, Robinson, West Springfield, and Woodson.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes, I would support such legislation.

While there are not many car title lenders in the 41st District, there's been an increase of them in Northern Virginia. Consumers need to be well aware of what they are agreeing to in the contracts they sign, and they should not be burdened with unnecessarily high interest rates and fees.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? I would be interested in looking at potential legislation. Related bills have been proposed in the Senate in 2014 and 2015, but I have never had the opportunity to vote on them. While they passed unanimously out of the Senate, the bills died in committee in the House.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes, I wholeheartedly support closing the coverage gap. I have spoken out vigorously on the Floor of the House of Delegates several times in support of Medicaid expansion. Virginia is clearly in the minority of states who have not expanded Medicaid. It's the right thing to do for Virginians and it's the right thing to do for our economy. The money is there. All we have to do is say yes.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

My "call to serve" comes from the fact that I grew up here in West Springfield (Rolling Valley Elementary – West Springfield High School), live in South County, have a 10-year-old son at our local Fairfax County public schools, and have had my law practice in the heart of West Springfield for 25 years. My campaign may not seem too exciting because I don't have any controversial issue to push. Rather, I want to make government work. For example, getting our roads paved. I co-authored the 2013 Transportation Bill that for the first time in three decades delivered more funds for transportation. But with the non-negotiable rule that 100% of the money raised in NOVA stays in NOVA! This has already delivered results for our area. Old Keene Mill Rd. and Rolling Rd. finally got paved. The Mt. Vernon Hwy and Rt. 1 Interchange finally got realigned. And Rolling Rd. is now on the list for widening to four lanes. I have helped increase the number of in-state college slots. Collectively, I was able to get UVA, W&M, JMU, CNU, GMU, VCU and VA Tech to add over 3,500 new slots in the past two years. And I am not done! By standing up for NOVA residents, who pay most of the taxes in this state, I was able to acquire an additional \$816/yr./student for our Fairfax County School students. All the while, I have helped keep VA taxes low. Virginia has the 8th lowest combined state and local tax rate in the U.S.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I don't know much about Joana Garcia. Ev-

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It's also worth noting that new, more restrictive voter identification regulations took effect last year. Voters arriving to the polls without required photo ID will be al-

lowed to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted. Photo ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person in all elections.

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ELECTION '15

Candidates for State Delegate in 37th District

David Bulova (D)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Fairfax

Age: 46

Family: Married to Gretchen with three children (Alex, Josie, and Grayson)

Education: BA, Government, College of William and Mary; Master of Public Administration, Virginia Tech

Offices held, dates: Virginia House of Delegates, 2006-present; elected member, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, 2004-06.

Occupation and relevant experience: Project Manager, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure

Community involvement: Board member, Brain Injury Services; board member, City of Fairfax Band; honorary member, Rotary Club of Centreville; co-chair, Middlebridge National Night Out, 2002-08; former coach, Fairfax Little League; past chair, Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission, 1997-2004; former member and treasurer, Rotary Club of Annandale, 1999-2002.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association; Virginia League of Conservation Voters; Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it? There is no greater responsibility than for elected officials to leave our democracy stronger for future generations. Unfortunately, extreme gerrymandering has resulted in few swing districts in Virginia, which means that many elected officials are more concerned about primaries than general elections. This has contributed to political gridlock. I support taking politics out of the redistricting process through the creation of an independent redistricting commission so that the voters choose their elected representatives, and not the other way around.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I am a consensus builder with a record of achievement on important community issues, including working in a bipartisan manner to pass new funding for transportation and to reform our education Standards of Learning (SOLs). During the past 10 years, I have worked hard to be open and accountable to district residents through town hall meetings, constituent surveys, and informal coffee hours.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there? I take very seriously the expectation of my constituents that when I am in Richmond I will work for the common good and look for ways to improve the quality of life for all Virginians. For ex-



ample, this past year I teamed up with Governor McAuliffe and Delegate Tim Hugo to pass a Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority that will remove barriers to creating new jobs in this rapidly expanding industry. I am proud of my reputation as a consensus builder, which has resulted in my appointment to several commissions

that deal with issues directly affecting Fairfax residents, including the Joint Commission on Health Care, State Water Commission, and Virginia Housing Commission.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

My priorities include: (1) continue to diversify Virginia's economy and create an environment where small businesses can thrive; (2) ensure that new transportation revenue is used effectively and oppose efforts to toll I-66 inside the Beltway without adding capacity; (3) continue to reform the SOLs and change state formulas to ensure that our schools get their fair share of funding; (4) protect our natural resources for future generations; and, (5) give law enforcement the tools they need to combat human trafficking and identity theft.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

My district has changed both geographically and demographically. During the 2011 redistricting, my district changed to include areas such as the Government Center and parts of Centreville. My district has also become much more ethnically diverse. One of my priorities is to ensure that these new immigrant communities feel welcome and become civically engaged.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes. As the former chair of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission I believe that there is no place for this type of predatory lending that traps individuals and families in a cycle of debt.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? Yes. The transition from foster care is extremely important to the long term success of the child. For similar reasons, in 2014 I supported legislation to allow Court-Appointed Special Advocate volunteers to continue assisting youth in foster care past the age of 18.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. Virginia is already sending our taxpayer dollars to Washington to pay for this expansion. Nearly 15% of Virginians under age 65 do not have insurance. When these individuals do need care, they use expensive emergency services or let the problem get worse. We should get our money back to help up to 400,000 Virginians get the health care that we are already paying for.

Sang Yi (R)

Challenger, House District 37

Town of residence: City of Fairfax

Age: 34

Family: Wife Sarah, Daughter Evelyn

Education: B.S. Logistics & Intermodal Transportation – U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; M.A. National Security & Strategic Studies – U.S. Naval War College; J.D. George Washington University Law School

Occupation and relevant

experience: Senior aide on Capitol Hill; Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve

Community involvement: Board Member & City Representative, Fairfax ASAP Policy Board; Former 2nd Vice Commander, American Legion Post 177; Fairfax Lions Club; Past President, Cameron Glen HOA

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Name three favorite endorsements: Former Congressman Tom Davis; Congresswoman Barbara Comstock; Delegate Tim Hugo

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I want to preserve the American Dream and grow opportunities for everyone. As an immigrant from South Korea, my family and I benefited from all that our nation has to offer. In order to keep opportunities available for future generations, we must ensure that our schools remain adequately funded and prepare our students for higher education and the workplace. To properly fund our schools, as Northern Virginians, we need to fight for more of our share from Richmond and boost our economy as a whole.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? As a government professional, officer in the Navy Reserve, and community leader, I have brought people together from diverse backgrounds to accomplish common goals. If elected to the House of Delegates, I will use my political and government experience and leadership skills to actively promote the interests of the people of the 37th district. Recently, I reviewed the proposal to toll some I-66 commuters \$17 per day, and along with House Leadership, stand opposed to this unworkable plan that will burden our families' budgets and not alleviate our traffic congestion problems. We need fresh ideas and new energy to advocate for us in Richmond.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I believe it is important to keep in mind that political parties may have opposing ideas, but are



not "enemies." As a Capitol Hill aide, I endeavor to engage in bipartisan cooperation and civil discourse on many matters of national importance. As a Delegate, I will put people over politics, and always keep in mind what is best for Fairfax rather than partisan politics.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

a. Stand against tolling I-66 commuters up to \$17 per day.

With an increased tax burden already being footed by Fairfax residents, the 2013 landmark transportation funding bill raised taxes to improve our infrastructure. Now, we potentially face more burdens on our household budgets, while not alleviating traffic congestion.

b. Help alleviate traffic congestion by promoting more teleworking, improving use of technology, access to mass transit, and focusing on investing in high impact areas.

c. Reformulate the Local Composite Index (LCI) to achieve fair funding for our students.

d. Streamline and clarify business regulations to make it easier for small businesses to understand and comply with them.

e. Increase government accountability by reforming the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC).

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The 37th district has seen tremendous growth. With more young families seeking better home prices and quality schools, the 37th is a wonderfully local and diverse community just miles away from Washington, D.C.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? We should find a balance that protects borrowers from predatory practices while also keeping various loan mechanisms accessible to those who need them.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Improving educational and health outcomes for foster care children is an important concern. I am open to supporting funding for Fostering Connections while keeping in mind limitations on Virginia's budget requirements.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

According to reviews of some Medicaid expansion states under Obamacare, enrollment numbers greatly surpassed projections. Especially given the eventual phase down of federal funding for expansion, the current statistics should alarm Virginians. Virginia cannot afford hundreds of millions or even in the billions of dollars in overruns that some other states already face as enrollment states.

Gandee and Storck Vie for Hyland's Seat

Storck cites experience.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Christine Morin of Lorton remembers when South County Secondary School opened in 2005. She found out Fairfax County said they had no plans to build a South County middle school, as the system had previously promised, which was a rea-

son Morin and her family moved to Laurel Hill from Burke. Morin created a South County Middle School solutions group, which is when she first with Mount Vernon School Board member Dan Storck.

"He made sure he was committed to helping us get the middle school and he never looked back the rest of the way," Morin said. "He didn't back down from the administration and knew it was in the best interests of the community, the kids, what made the most

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Gandee touts business background.

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, said Jane Gandee is the reason that organization became involved with helping the homeless along Richmond Highway.

"She brought it to our attention," Dougherty said. "It's something she's very passionate about. Last year for the holiday party, she spearheaded a drive to collect new coats and winter wear that

went to Rising Hope Church."

Dougherty called Gandee a "very dynamic individual" who is "really fun to be around, with a good sense of humor."

Among Gandee's other community leadership positions which include chairman of the Alexandria Salvation Army, Board of Directors of the Chamber's Education Partnership and Legislative Committee, and serving on the Fund Development Committee for Rising Hope Mission Church, Gandee is also vice president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber.

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Candidates for State Senate in 37th District

Dave Bergman (R)

Challenger, Senate in 37th District

Town of residence: Centreville
Age: 46

Family: Wife and two kids

Education: Annandale High School – 1987, BA - James Madison University – 1991, JD - Widener School of Law – 1995

Offices held, dates: Never held office before, first time candidate

Occupation and relevant experience: Vice President of Legal and External Affairs and Chief Legal Officer for the National Board for Certified Counselors

Community involvement: Youth Soccer Coach of 11 years

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Name three favorite endorsements: Sen. Dick Black, Del. Tim Hugo



not professional politicians; and they all have day jobs. I think an open mind and a willingness to listen to other points of view is important in any legislative body. I have spent my career working with both parties to pass legislation and I will bring that to my job as your senator.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Keeping taxes low. Improving transportation. Working to make our schools better and college in Virginia more affordable. Improving the mental health system. Preserving human freedom and curbing the excesses of government.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The dirty little secret in the Virginia Senate is that in 2011 the Democrat majority in the senate gerrymandered the district lines to protect their majority. That's why this district begins in Lake Barcroft, snakes through 5 magisterial districts, and ends up near Dulles Airport. Ten years ago the 37th senate district was a lot more compact. I grew up here, and like anyone else who has been here this long, I have seen major good and bad changes. What hasn't changed is what the people want – good jobs, a good education for their children, safe streets and less traffic.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? I dislike car title loan companies as much as the next person. However, these businesses would not exist if there were no customers, so they are filling a need. It seems our job is to make sure these companies are properly licensed and regulated and determine if there are better ways to fill the need.

Yes, I will support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans. I believe these businesses are filling a need, but they need to be properly regulated and licensed to protect consumers.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? I am whole-heartedly for any program that will encourage adoption.

Yes, I will support funding for Fostering Connections. This program is crucial for helping foster children transition into adulthood and find permanent homes.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes, I support expansion of Medicaid. When the government starts shelling out money somebody, somewhere, has to pay for it. Right now the feds are offering to transfer money from their treasury to Virginia's treasury to put more people on Medicaid, but there is no guarantee the money will continue to flow. And considering that the US government is running a deficit the size of the galactic empire, at some point the largesse will end, which means hard-working Virginians will end up with higher taxes. There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and the unicorns are not interested in paying our debts.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I feel strongly about a lot of issues, but issues come and go. What is important in the long run are the principles I would bring to the task of representing the people of Fairfax County in the state senate. I believe government should be the court of last resort; many problems can be solved by people working together. I believe the more freedom and the less regulation, the better. I believe in lower taxes, more jobs, and a robust economy. I believe religious liberty is essential to our democracy. My call to service is driven by these principles that I will apply to any issue before the General Assembly.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

We have policy disagreements in a number of key areas. I am adamantly against McAuliffe's plan to put tolls on I-66. He voted to take money from the roads and put that money into sidewalks (SB 932) and I think that's nuts. And on crime, there is vast chasm between our positions; I support truth in sentencing and no parole for violent offenders, and Marsden doesn't. I also support school choice for our families, while Marsden voted against educational savings accounts for disabled children. Dave Marsden is a good citizen; he's just wrong on some important issues.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggest you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

The Virginia General Assembly is nowhere near as partisan as many other state legislatures because we have a part-time legislature; its members are

Dave Marsden (D-37)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Burke
Age: 67

Family: Wife, Julia, and three sons
Education: W.T. Woodson High and Randolph Macon College

Offices held, dates: House of Delegates, 2006-2010; Virginia Senate 2010-present

Occupation and relevant experience: Technical

Assistance Director for DSG working to reduce youth violence across 10 major U.S. cities. Former Director Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, probation officer, and Superintendent of Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center.

Community involvement: Board Member Fairfax County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), former President of the Enterprise School and the West* Lynch Foundation. Started Virginia's first local secure mental health/substance abuse program for young offenders. Former coach and referee for youth baseball, basketball, football, and soccer.

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I have a long history of successfully working with Democrats and Republicans to get things done. I've led efforts to build consensus to balance the Commonwealth's budget without raising taxes. Every year you can find multiple examples of my efforts to put progress above partisanship. Three examples from this last year include: 1. SB1314 with Republican Delegate James LeMunyon, prioritizes congestion relief when VDOT is choosing transportation projects instead of a legislator's "pet" project. 2. SB1102

with Republican Senator Mark Obenshain, allowed Uber to legally and safely operate in Virginia. 3. SB1235 with Republican Delegate Dave Albo, is landmark legislation that allows someone suffering from intractable epilepsy to utilize non-psycho active medical cannabidiol oils.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Improving funding for and reforming our education system.
2. Diversifying our economy so we are less dependent on the federal government spending.
3. Fighting against unfair tolling and continuing to invest in our transportation system to ease congestion.
4. Strengthening our juvenile justice system to ensure our communities are kept safe and advancing evidence based adult re-entry programming.
5. Continuing mental health system reforms so all those who need care receive it.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Fairfax County has long been a growing community, that growth has brought new needs and new opportunities in transportation, education, and human services. I was glad to support the Silver Line and am currently looking at all alternatives to I66 tolls. We've invested more in education, public safety, and human services. Because of the great people who have made Fairfax County home, this is one of the best places to live.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes

Yes, I will support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans. I believe these businesses are filling a need, but they need to be properly regulated and licensed to protect consumers.

7. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act?

Yes, I will continue to work with legislators from both parties and Governor McAuliffe to forge a solution to this impasse. Expanding Medicaid will provide health coverage for close to 400,000 Virginians and it is estimated to create \$1.9 billion in economic impact and 30,000 jobs. This issue is too important to our community and Commonwealth to allow us to forgo \$1.8 billion in federal funding that Virginia taxpayers are already paying.

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"She's a natural leader," Dougherty said. "It's been interesting for me to watch other business owners here respond to her, her leadership, the way she motivates people."

Gandee is a business owner herself, running a ServiceMaster Restore franchise. However she said she stepped away from the company entirely in April to devote her full attention to the supervisor role.

"It will get my full attention, I'm anxious to get started," Gandee said at the Oct. 15 meet the candidates event hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at the South County government center.



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Jane Gandee is the Republican candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor.

"I think we have a problem in Mount Vernon: It doesn't look like the rest of the county — the roads, schools, economic development is worse," Gandee said. "We need new leadership, new ideas, to work together to get the problems solved."

Retired physician and Mount Vernon resident since 1970, Dr. Thomas Cleary met Gandee through the Chamber of Commerce 10 years ago. Cleary said he's impressed with Gandee's long-hours work ethic and how successful she's made her business. He also appreciates "her knowledge of the workings of the government and what's necessary for changes in the way projects in the community can be accomplished, both

private and public."

As a person, Cleary says Gandee is "outgoing, just a very friendly, warm person. ... She's always, always received well and is open to hearing other people's opinions."

The Rev. Lorenzo Hill is the pastor at Cranford United Methodist Church, where Gandee is a member, teaches Sunday School and serves on the nurture outreach committee that ministers to members who are sick, shut in or haven't been to church for a period of time. "She's an above average member, very committed, dedicated and involved," said Hill. "she's honest, fair, and not changed. She's consistent with the person I met 10 and a half years ago."

Candidates for State Senate in 39th District

George Lincoln Barker (D)

Incumbent Senate District 39
Town of residence: Clifton
Age: 64
Family: wife Jane; son Erik and his wife Mahjooba and two grandchildren; daughter Emily and her husband Jeff
Education: Harvard College, A.B., Economics and Public Health; Harvard School of Public Health, M.S., Health Policy and Management
Offices held, dates: Senator, 2008-present
Occupation and relevant experience: Executive Director, Greater Prince William Community Health Center, 2015; Consultant, 2000-2015; Associate Director, Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia, 1975-2009
Community involvement: Member, Education and Health Committee, General Laws and Technology Committee, Rehabilitation and Social Services Committee, Small Business Commission, Housing Commission, Joint Commission on Health Care, Substance Abuse Services Council, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board, Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority
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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax Chamber of Commerce; Virginia Education Association; Virginia Police Benevolent Association



still run from house to house throughout the district and ask voters what are their priorities and what do they want me to do; and I show up, such as at a recent debate before Hayfield seniors, where I answered their questions alone for an hour because my opponent reneged on his commitment to participate.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences

there?

My record shows that I frequently work closely with Republicans, often jointly sponsoring bills, and bridge any partisan divide to get things done. Allowing Virginians to keep their health insurance, prohibiting censorship of sermons of chaplains, texting while driving, giving Virginians a tax refund check rather than a debit card, giving protective orders to those threatened by former intimate partners, and putting more money in the Rainy Day fund, and shared work programs are examples.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Transportation, Education, Economy/Jobs, Military and Veterans, Those Who Need Help

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

There is greater racial and ethnic diversity, with housing integration rather than segregation throughout the district. This has happened because we have opportunities here, people want to live here, and we appreciate both differences and our common humanity.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

I will support legislation that restricts unfair lending practices and that provides people with limited options the ability to get loans, as we did with payday lending a few years ago.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

My wife and I were foster parents to 13 children over many years. I have already supported this legislation.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

I will support any reasonable proposal to get insurance for those eligible under the ACA, whether its expansion of our highly regarded Medicaid program or an alternative, such as a private insurance plan that we passed in the Senate. I am happy to help negotiate a deal that addresses concerns of some while getting coverage for those who are eligible.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Mental health care. It matters because many Virginians with mental health problems suffer needlessly and sometimes die because we are not doing enough to help them. I worked on the issue before I was elected and have helped improve our system since I took office, but much more needs to be done. After similar bills had been repeatedly killed, this year I got a bill passed to help get immediate support to college students contemplating suicide. I serve on a legislative study committee taking four years to propose a revamped and adequately funded system that will meet the needs of people with mental health problems rather than putting them on a waiting list.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I have a detailed knowledge of most issues addressed in the General Assembly; I understand the different issues of people in different parts of the district; I have a record of getting results, getting more bills passed than almost any other Senator; I consistently work with Republicans to find common ground and compromise to get things done rather than simply spouting partisan platitudes; I

Gandee and Storck Vie

Storck

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sense.”

Storck, working with then-Lee District School Board representative Liz Bradsher, was able to get support from the board to move forward with the middle school planning and construction, which was completed for the school to open in 2012.

“I don’t agree with everything he says, he’s very much to my left, but see the middle ground when he has to,” said Bradsher. “Sometimes he would come in late on an issue, but once he did his home-

work, you’d always get a call from him, he would touch base with you to go over the issues in their entirety with him. I was very grateful for that.”

Bradsher also recalled a controversial boundary change the two worked on affecting students at Annandale and Woodson high schools. “That was a tough thing for Dan,” she said. “He hated to pull people out of their home community and understandably so. But we all had to work on that issue as a School Board.”

Storck referenced his more than a decade representing Mount Vernon on the School Board, as well as his previous roles as president of Good Shepherd Housing, a coach

Joe Murray (R)

Challenger, Senate District 39
Town of residence: Alexandria
Age: 40
Family: Katie (wife), Ella (Daughter, 8 years old), AJ (Son, 22 months old)
Education: J.D., Catholic University of America
 Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC
 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Minor: Economics), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
Offices held, dates: N/A
Occupation and relevant experience: Current: Director of Government and Legal Affairs for a national rare disease non-profit called debra, the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association, a disease that afflicts my daughter Ella.
 Previous: 10+ years experience on Capitol Hill, including a wide array of legislative policy and leadership roles with an emphasis in health care, entitlement, and educational areas.
Community involvement: Active member and former senior officer of our home civic association. Proud participant of my daughter’s public school Parent Teacher Association. Deacon and Sunday school teacher at our church. Co-Chair of our neighborhood’s snow and debris removal association.
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Name three favorite endorsements: Congressman Tom Davis; Delegate Tim Hugo; Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity



experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences

there? I spent nearly a decade on Capitol Hill working with elected officials and staffers from many different and competing political philosophies. My ability to forge agreements through compromise comes from growing up in a large family of seven siblings. I learned through experience that you can disagree with someone, and still respect their opinion. Through my work experience, legal education training, service to my community, and being a father to a special needs disabled daughter, I have demonstrated the willingness to listen to other people and respect their opinion while solving vexing problems.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities. Reduce government red tape to create more high paying jobs. Repeal the “King’s Dominion” law and give local school boards more control. Encourage Public-Private Partnerships to expand the transportation grid and ease congestion. Increase the number of charter school to improve education through competition. Simplify and streamline our tax code

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The district has seen an incredible amount of growth in the past 10 years, from the West End of Alexandria all the way down to Prince William County. People were drawn to the area because it’s a great place to raise a family. Unfortunately, that growth has side effects from congested roads to overcrowded schools. We need to deal with those side effects now.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? On a bi-partisan basis, the Virginia General Assembly acted to reform the industry practices. If more work needs to be done to ensure the law is followed where consumers are protected from unlawful or immoral business practices, I will work with my colleagues on both sides of the political aisle to ensure protections are put in place.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I am open to federal support for Fostering Connections. Providing a social safety net for those in need is an important role of government, and our foster care system is critical to the future development of our children’s and community’s well-being.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

I do not support expansion of Medicaid to able-bodied adults. There are better ways to reform our health care system to help increase health insurance access and affordability. As a health care public policy professional for a rare-disease non-profit organization and a father of a special needs daughter, I bring a unique perspective on this important topic.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

As a father of two young children coming up through the public school system, improving our school system is a top priority for me. There are a couple of improvements we can immediately enact. First, I think the local school board, not Richmond, should determine when the school years starts for testing preparation of our students; that’s why I would repeal the “King’s Dominion” law. I would also work to get more education funding directly into the classroom.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? My family faces a lot of the same challenges as families throughout the district. I’ve felt the economic crunch from the high cost of living and a sluggish economy. I have spent too much time commuting to work on public transportation for years in gridlock, and I worry about the education my kids and all of those in Northern Virginia are receiving. There are real solutions to improve our communities but it’s going to take the political will and bi-partisan leadership to make them happen.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own

in the Fort Hunt area and West Potomac High School Parent Teacher Association president, at an Oct. 15 meet the candidates event hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at the South County government center.

Storck highlighted his “willingness to listen” and experience in spending “thousands of hours” attending board meetings, boundary meetings and other community meetings as a member of the Fairfax County School Board.

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, has known Storck since he was elected to the School Board in 2004, and through his businesses he has also been a member of the chamber. “He’s given a lot of time, with service on the school board and goes out of



Dan Storck is the Democratic candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor.

his way to try to understand concerns people have. Everything he does on the board has impacted our community directly

School Board Promotes Dyslexia Awareness

And adopts two-hour delay for March Primary.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Nine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts stood confidently on a stepstool to address the Fairfax County School Board Oct. 22. “My old school didn’t know I was dyslexic,” he said. “I was very sad and felt like I wasn’t keeping up with everybody.”

Gebharts was one of several individuals to speak at the board’s Thursday night business meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia, the local chapter of a national grassroots organization advocating for better teacher training and resources for dyslexic students, as well as connecting parents with existing resources.

“I hope you can make it so kids like me don’t have to leave their friends, don’t have to struggle,” Gebharts said. Board members and dozens of Decoding Dyslexia members and supporters applauded him when he finished speaking.

High school senior Calvin Rizek spoke next, explaining that he is currently taking all his remaining classes at Northern Virginia Community College. “The way you have failed me is not approaching dyslexia properly,” he said. Rizek’s mother got him a tutor in elementary school after he was “not taught the correct way to learn to read” in Fairfax County.

“I’ve been in the school system 15 years,” Rizek said, “and I’ve been dyslexic the whole time, and not seen any change. Please act fast so you don’t fail anyone else.”

The speakers came to the meeting to coincide with the board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

Board members typically don’t respond to citizen participation, though chairman Pat Hynes has acknowledged professional development for teachers could be more focused in the area of dyslexia, and that the school system’s Strategic Plan calls for “getting tighter on early literacy.”

Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza has taken action including requiring elementary school administrators and instructional staff be trained to recognize dyslexia symptoms and warning signs.

“I’m extremely excited to see the progress that we have going on not only in Fairfax County but in the Commonwealth of Virginia,” Braddock District representative

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Members of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia came out in support of the Fairfax County School Board recognizing October as Dyslexia Awareness Month at the Oct. 22 meeting.



Kate Hanley of the Fairfax County Electoral Board Office of Elections, formerly chairman of the Board of Supervisors and School Board representative from the Providence District, spoke to the significance of the later school start times for the Presidential primary on March 1, 2016.



Nine-year-old Maxwell Gebharts (left) was one of several individuals to speak at the School Board’s Oct. 22 business meeting on behalf of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia



Calvin Rizek started working with an outside tutor in elementary school to help him overcome dyslexia and learn to read.

Megan McLaughlin before she read the proclamation.

She described Decoding Dyslexia as being led by “by extraordinary women who have really helped to shape not only better practices here in Fairfax County, but within the Commonwealth of Virginia. To all of you, thank you so much for what you’re doing to improve the lives of our children.”

A workshop hosted by the Office of Special Education Instruction for parents of elementary school students with dyslexia is scheduled for Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road.

WITH LOCAL ELECTIONS LOOMING, the board voted unanimously to have schools start two hours late on March 1, 2016, to accommodate the presidential primary voting.

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Hanley reminded the board “Super Tuesday” is a dual primary, with both parties fielding candidates for voting on the same day, at the same locations. “The whole thing is coming to town,” she said.

According to Fairfax County, 165 of the 196 schools and centers in the system are used as polling places.

“Voters must have free access to polls,” Hanley said, adding that starting later “will mitigate many of our problems,” such as parking congestion during pickup and dropoff times that coincide with heavy voting waves.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Joshua Blaz, a graduate of J.W. Robinson Secondary School, received the Tyree/Parajon, First Year Merit Scholarship at Denison University. The Tyree/Parajon Scholarship is based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit.

Six students in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) have been named **regional finalists in the 2015 Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology**. The students, who attend South County High School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), are part of a group of 97 regional finalists who will compete in one of six regional events in November.

Finalists include five TJHSST students — Daniel Chae, Kelly Cho, Harriet Khang, Christina Oh and Michael You — as well as Edward Oh, South County High School.

Brendan Richard O’Connor of Fairfax Station has accepted membership in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation’s only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. He is a sophomore at the College of William and Mary.

William Douglas Krawczak of Springfield has been recognized by George Mason University on the school’s dean’s list for his academic achievement during the spring semester. William graduated from West Springfield High School and is double majoring in English and Economics at George Mason University. Recognition on the George Mason University dean’s list is reserved for students who were registered for 12 or more semester hours and received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester’s work.

Katie Bershinsky, born and raised in Burke, has been selected to the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society in the local chapter at Kennesaw State University. Delta Epsilon Iota was established to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all fields of study. Bershinsky is expected to graduate in 2018 with a major in public relations. Her parents are Scott and Kim Bershinsky. Her grandparents Malcolm and Marcia have lived in Burke for more than 30 years.

Jacob M. Sage, of Burke, Junior, Pre-Construction Engr Mgt. has made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall term at the Oregon State University. A total of 861 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 3,598 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of coursework.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Ongoing

Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.

Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

How Do Plants Get Ready for Winter? 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories, songs and finger play. Age 3-5 with adult.

Blossoming Babies. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Songs, rhymes, stories and activities for infants less than a year old. Birth to eleven months with adult.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 31-30

The Haunted Lab. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. A fun, not scary, just spooky family event, to enjoy hands-on STEM activities while celebrating Halloween! Children's Storytime at 11 am and 2 p.m. followed by a Children's Costume Contest for children ages 2-6 and 7-12.

SATURDAY/OCT. 31

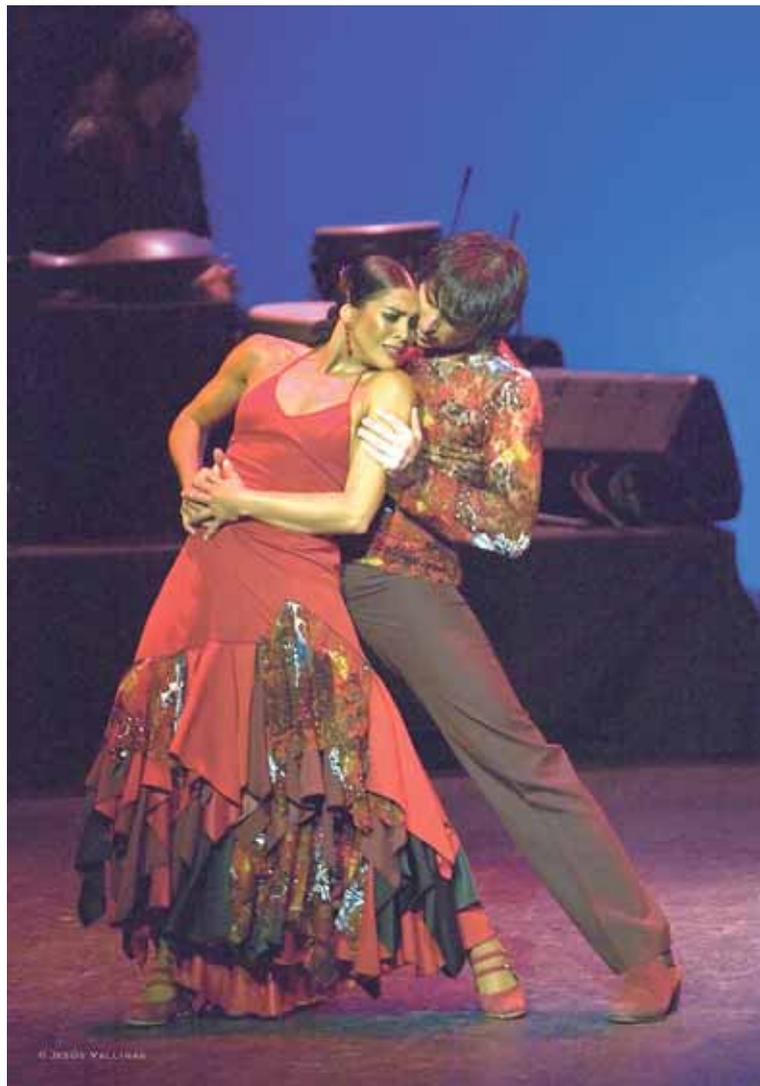
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L.A. Theatre Works' "Dracula." 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. L.A. Theatre Works brings this chilling story to life with live readings and creepy sound effects made "the old fashioned way." 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

Fall Festival. 4-7:30 p.m. Burke Community Church, 9900 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke. Attractions for preschool to sixth grade including games, inflatables, pony rides, puppet show, laser tag and paintball gallery. Join in non-scary costumes and enjoy the fun, candy and prizes. Free. 703-425-0205.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 31-NOV. 1

8th Annual South Run Art and Craft Show. Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. More than 50 experienced artisans will tempt shoppers with everything from beautiful jewelry to intricate woodworking. Other crafting categories include photography, painting, knitting, glasswork, clothing, dolls, pottery, and more. \$3, free for children 12 and under. www.nvhg.org.



SUNDAY/NOV. 1

Taste of Greater Springfield. 3-7 p.m. Waterford of Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Features cuisine from over 20 local area restaurants. Sponsored by the West Springfield Rotary Club Foundation. \$30. www.togs.us.

Trio Sefardi. 7 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Trio Sefardi is a confluence of three performers who share a love of, and a wide-ranging experience with, Sephardic music as influenced by La Rondinella, the Western Wind, and National Heritage Fellowship winner Flory Jagoda. \$14-\$24. www.jccnvarts.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

Compania Flamenca Jose Porcel. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. Passionate rhythms and enchanting movement of flamenco dancing. 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Rang de Nila. 8 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performance piece that combines music and dance with the art of Siona Benjamin. In the performance, the dancers assume the roles of the subjects of Benjamin's paintings. Through movements infused with elements of traditional Indian dance, modern dance, and jazz, the dancers explore themes of identity and what it means to be a Jewish Indian woman. \$14-\$24. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/190347>.

Munich Symphony Orchestra with The Romeros. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax.

This important orchestra has enriched the cultural life of Bavaria with its unparalleled performances of symphonic concert pieces, opera and operettas, musicals, ballets, oratorios and church music. The orchestra is joined by Spanish classical guitar virtuoso Pepe Romero for solo work. \$42-\$70. 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Railroad Collectibles Special Sale.

1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Railroad collectibles, antiques, railroad memorabilia, toys and art.

Soundscapes Healing Meditation.

2 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Come, bring a blanket or yoga mat for lying on the floor, and enjoy the gift of letting go and being connected to deeper peace. Healthy snacks will be provided afterward during Fellowship time. Free to church members, \$15. 703-503-4579.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Small Plates: Choreography Festival. 8-10 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. At the festival, a curated dance showcase features groups and solo pieces from regional dance companies, one of them being Beth Elliott Dance Group. www.workhousearts.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 13-15

Cabaret Series: Dueling Divas! Time varies. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Dueling Divas performs songs made famous by the Broadway stars and bring humor and laughter to audience. Tickets: \$30. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

HALLOWEEN CALENDAR

Halloween events in the area

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 29-31

Haunted Trail "Carnivoreal." 7:30 p.m. Rizer Pavilion, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The signature piece of "31 Nights of Frights" Seasonal Campaign, The Haunted Trail will challenge you and your friends to immerse yourselves into an unfolding story of horror and adventure. As you traverse our trail, an interactive story begins to take shape around you-casting you in a leading role. \$10. <https://reservations.workhousearts.org/Info.aspx?EventID=9>

FRIDAY/OCT. 30

Halloween Dance with the Sixth Generation. 8 p.m. W-16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Their crowd pleasing performances bring back fond memories for baby boomers and a surprising appreciation of good music for younger generations. \$10. <https://reservations.workhousearts.org/Info.aspx?EventID=9>

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The Robinson Marketplace. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 5305 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Shop at over 80 vendors at the Holiday Market, raffle and silent auction sponsored by the Robinson Secondary School PTSA. Visit www.robinsonptsa.org.

Hula Performance & Dinner. 2-4 p.m. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Hula has been featured at many festivals and events throughout the region. The evening's program features the Hulau group performing songs and dance of the Islands as well as dinner of Hawaiian chili and rice to enjoy. Tickets: \$10-\$15. www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV 14-DEC. 6

FCPS Art Teachers Exhibition. 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Artworks by art teachers in Fairfax County are exhibited. The exhibition give a great opportunity to discover the talent found in the county by viewing their work. www.workhousearts.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 15

Table Top N Gauge Model Train. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Table Top N Gauge model trains will be on display and running. Free for museum members and children under 4. \$2 ages 5-15, \$4 16 and older. jhill6712@aol.com.

"La Boheme." 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Virginia Opera, the Official Opera Company of the Commonwealth of Virginia, brings Puccini's classic tale of love and loss. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

MONDAY/NOV. 16

Laura Dowling Program. 7-9:30 p.m. White Oaks Elementary School, 6130 Shiplett Blvd., Burke. The

Laurel Garden Club and The Springfield Acres Garden present a program of fabulous flower arranging with Laura Dowling, former White House floral designer. \$10. 703-451-5922.

MONDAYS/NOV. 16 AND 23

Journaling Classes. 5-6:30 p.m. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Class in cultivating and expressing a grateful heart with two journaling workshops. During the second session, a Thanksgiving banner or centerpiece will be constructed to encourage family members or visitors to share their gratitude list. Register 703-385-7858 or visit <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/recreation-classes-and-programs/adult-classes>.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 21-22

24th Annual Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. George Mason University, The Hub Ballroom, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$free to \$6. <http://www.novamineralclub.org/events/2015-show>.

SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. By combining traditional Indian and Western instruments, "The Spirit of India" presents Indian music and dance as it has never been heard or seen before. Seventeen professional artists, including outstanding musicians, singers and dancers, lead a musical journey to Mumbai and beyond, filling the stage with vivid colors, mesmerizing movement and hypnotic rhythms. 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

Conservation Begins at Home

FROM PAGE 9

and Conservation District Board. "I want to increase the sense of personal stewardship that people who own the land have for the land," he said.

Lamb has been the chairman the last four years. He thanked GFCA for hosting the forum and giving candidates in his race, usually overshadowed by races for supervisor, House of Delegates, state senator and the sheriff, among others, an opportunity to inform citizens of the board's work. Education efforts are top priority of the Soil and Water Conservation Board, he said. Stephen L. Pushor, who is on the ballot, did not attend.

The three were asked questions about fertilizers, deer management, and the responsibility and partnership between urban, suburban and rural districts in Virginia.

FOUNDED IN 1945 by citizens concerned about conserving natural resources, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is one of 47 conservation districts in Virginia and approximately 3,000 nationwide. "Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) were established in the 1930s to develop comprehensive programs to conserve soil resources, control and prevent soil erosion, prevent floods and conserve, develop, utilize and dispose of water," according to its website.

Although not a regulatory agency, the group collaborates with Fairfax County and other partners to provide conservation information, technical services, educational programs and volunteer opportunities to residents on many aspects of water quality, nonpoint source pollution and stream health.

They help connect residents with environmental initiatives and opportunities through the Watershed Calendar, Green Breakfast and Conservation Currents

Why This Matters

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See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/

news updates.

PETERS WAS APPOINTED by the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board in March 2015 to be a director; he has been an associate director since 2009 and has represented NVSWCD on the Fairfax County Tree Commission since 2012.

Peters is retired after a 30-year career as an environmental scientist and engineer, including being the first full-time employee of the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory in 1972.

In retirement, he has focused on natural resource stewardship, he said. Peters is a Certified Master Naturalist and member of the Basic Training Committee of the Fairfax Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist program.

"I am also a Tree Commissioner," he said.

LAMB HAS SERVED on the board since January 2009 and is currently the vice chairman and treasurer.

Lamb, of Falls Church, serves as an at-large appointee on the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC)

and is the lead author on the Interrelationship between Land Use and Transportation chapter of the EQAC annual report. He was a co-founder of the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters, and represented the environmental community on the Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force. He serves as the chairman of the IT Committee for the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

CAMERON, A BIOLOGIST who also has a M.B.A., has worked 36 years in environmental policy, including 20 years of federal service in natural resources programs at the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Congress, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Cameron, of Mount Vernon, founded his own organization, Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition. He is an environmental policy advisor to the governor of California, director of Conservation Policy for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and serves on the board of advisors to the Wildlife Alliance. "We have 30 watersheds in Fairfax County, about a third are in good shape, a third are in really bad shape," he said, with the others in between. "I've always wanted to get involved where it counts, locally," he said.

"I want to increase the sense of personal stewardship that people who own the land have for the land."

— **Gerald O. "Jerry" Peters, Great Falls**



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SPORTS

Hayfield to Face Fellow Conference 6 Contenders

Hawks tied with Madison for first place at 5-0.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

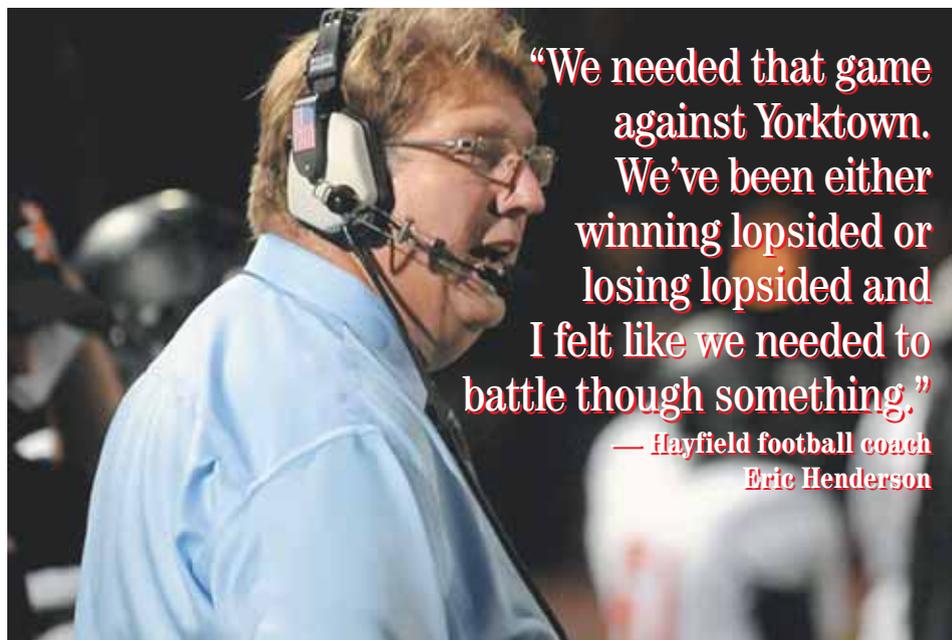
For the first seven weeks of the 2015 season, the Hayfield football team won or lost by a margin of 15 points or greater. While the Hawks won more than they lost, posting a 5-2 record, Hayfield never found itself in a pressure-packed end-of-game situation.

That changed on Oct. 23, when the Hawks traveled to Arlington and needed a fourth-and-goal stop in the final minute to secure a victory against Yorktown and remain tied for first place in Conference 6. The Hayfield defense came through, with senior cornerback Terrell Wheeler intercepting a pass in the end zone to clinch a 21-14 victory.

“We needed that game against Yorktown,” Hayfield head coach Eric Henderson said. “We’ve been either winning lopsided or losing lopsided and I felt like we needed to battle though something.”

For the Hawks, the fourth-quarter test of fortitude might have arrived at just the right time.

Hayfield, now 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference, will wrap up the regular season by facing the other two teams in contention for the Conference 6 title. This week, the Hawks will host South Lakes, which sits



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— Hayfield football coach Eric Henderson

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Hayfield head football coach Eric Henderson, seen last season, has the Hawks tied for first place in the Conference 6 standings.

at 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. The following week, Hayfield will travel to Vienna to face a Madison team that has won seven in a row and is currently tied with the Hawks atop the conference standings at 5-0.

While Hayfield will be tested, the Hawks, who are on a five-game win streak, will provide their own challenges.

“I think we’ve kind of found our formula,” Henderson said. “It took us a couple of games.”

That formula: Give the ball to running back

Myles Ross and let the senior make plays.

Ross is Hayfield’s all-time leading rusher. This season, he has carried 176 times for 1,486 yards and 17 touchdowns. Last week against Yorktown, Ross had 37 carries for 276 yards and two touchdowns.

He also plays defense and has three interceptions.

“I think he’s one of the best players I’ve ever coached,” said Henderson, whose Northern Virginia coaching stops include Lake Braddock (assistant), West Potomac and T.C. Williams. “He goes both ways, he doesn’t get a lot of breaks. ... If he’s not on

the field, we’re not as good [as we are] with him on the field. He’s what we do offensively.”

Clearing the way for Ross is an offensive line composed of junior left tackle Greer Jones (5-10, 285), senior left guard Adam Johnson (6-5, 330), junior center Jack Blevins (5-10, 260), junior right guard KD Diokane (6-3, 300) and senior right tackle Juan Cruz (5-8, 250).

“They’re a real physical bunch,” Henderson said. “They remind me of some of the crews I had at West Potomac — kids that like to get after it. They work well together. They communicate well.”

Hayfield is No. 9 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power rankings. Madison is No. 4 and South Lakes is No. 10. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

Henderson said the Hawks divided the season into three parts. The first part was a tough three-game stretch during which Hayfield battled injuries and struggled against some tough opponents. After a 21-0 season-opening victory against Edison, Hayfield lost to Tuscarora 40-14, and was blown out by South County 70-29.

The second part was a four-game stretch where the Hawks tried to figure out what they do well. Ross was the answer, and Hayfield defeated Washington-Lee, 35-16, McLean, 43-28, Fairfax, 40-20, and Langley, 39-21.

The third part is a playoff push during the final three games of the regular season. The Hawks survived a tough test against Yorktown, winning 21-14. Hayfield’s next two games will determine if they are conference champions.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson running back Roman Lowery reaches for the goal line during the Rams’ 39-3 victory over Herndon on Oct. 24 at Herndon High School.

Robinson Football Improves to 5-3

The Robinson football team defeated Herndon 39-3 on Oct. 24, improving its record to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in Conference 5.

Robinson is tied for No. 7 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power

rankings. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

The Rams will host Broad Run at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and will close the regular season with a road game against Centerville on Nov. 6.



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Runner-up in Conference 7

Emma Vinall (13) and the Woodson field hockey team finished runner-up in Conference 7, losing to T.C. Williams 3-0 in the championship game on Oct. 26. The Cavaliers faced Langley in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on Wednesday, after The Connection’s deadline.



Thrill-seeking souls enter the eight-acre Clifton Haunted Trail on Oct. 24.

Scare Tactics

Clifton Haunted Trail unites town, frightens thousands.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

A strobe light pulses through dense fog, briefly illuminating rabbit corpses hung upside down under the arch of a bridge. As vines are brushed aside, a tall, white, hairy figure passes by quietly.

The Bunny Man, a decades-old suburban legend of Fairfax County, was among nearly two-dozen elaborate scenes and tableaus set up by volunteers from and around the town of Clifton as part of their annual fundraising event the Clifton Haunted Trail.

The trail, spread out over eight acres of park woods drew 2,800 guests in 2014, according to tickets organizer Phyllis Lovett. By 9 p.m., two-thirds of the way through the night on Oct. 24, Lovett said over 3,450 tickets had already been sold. At \$15 per ticket, the all-volunteer event is a boon for the town that dates its history back to the

Civil War era when it was known as Deveraux Station.

Having the trail in addition to an annual car show, arts and crafts vendor fair at Clifton Day, and homes tour, the Haunted Trail allows Clifton to “address different focus areas,” said Lovett, whose husband William Holloway is the town’s mayor. “It brings different kinds of people to see our community and draws people together to volunteer.”

The trail walk itself is unguided, but lit with real torches suspended in trees, sometimes illuminating severed heads, massive spider webs or the occasional zombie. Scenes this year included the Salem witch trials, a takeoff from the sci-fi-horror movie “The Purge,” a deranged animal hospital and zombie dance party, among many others. Periodic shrieks and squeals of delight and horror mingled in the crisp fall air with the sounds of revving chainsaws and Bruno Mars.

Steve Bittner of Clifton coordinated the more than 100 volunteers for the event and organized the trail. “It’s exciting,” he said, looking at the hundreds of people in line to walk through the trail. “This is a testament to the trail being a thing that keeps them



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Clifton residents Aaron and Tracy Kuzemka, Josie Layfield, Alexis Polard and friends ran a “Children of the Corn” scene during the 2015 Clifton Haunted Trail.



Katie Pline (left) and Keeler Lambertson (right) of Clifton acted in a scene depicting the Salem witch trials, burning and lynching.

coming back.”

Good weather and a strong social media campaign helped make the night even more successful, Bittner continued, but he emphasized the trail wouldn’t be possible without the volunteers it brings together, including a planning committee that began meeting in March. “The Community of Clifton really bands together,” he said.

Kimberly Keene of Fredericksburg was

among two mothers and their daughters who came to visit an aunt who lives in Clifton. When answering how they liked it afterwards, Keene said, “Let me put it this way, three out of the four of us wet our pants.”

Luke Dietrich of Fairfax Station had a similarly frightful experience on the trail. “A huge spider fell on my head,” he said. “It was awkward.”



RJ Carey, Eric and Amanda Hencken, Steven Parrot, Chip McIntyre, Dwayne Nitz and Martin O’dea of Clifton managed a scene playing off the sci-fi horror movie “The Purge” where all laws in a fictional United States were suspended for a brief period of time.



Cindy Sealy, Michael Anton and Dawn Huss of Clifton put together a “Walking Dead” scene for the 2015 Clifton Haunted Trail.

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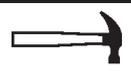
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DEADLINE SATURDAY/OCT.31

Poetry Contest Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts and Letters Committee is sponsoring a poetry contest for Fairfax County Public Middle School students. The poetry title is: Silhouette of a Woman: An Influential Female in My Life. The submissions will be reviewed for awards of \$125 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. www.fcacdst.org. Poetry Contest deadline for submission is October 30th. Email entries and inquiries can be sent to: artsandletters@fcacdst.org. Mailed entries must be postmarked by October 30th and sent to: Fairfax County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. P.O. Box 221224 Chantilly, VA 20153-1224.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Complete the Circle Foodraiser. 1-2:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. LCAC and Our Daily Bread's annual fundraiser and hunger awareness event. This family-friendly, volunteer event is held at Fairfax High School's practice field. Bring a bag of food and help feed your neighbors. More information and to register, go to <https://www.odbfairfax.org/CompleteTheCircle>.
Preemie Conference. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Inova Fairfax Physicians Conference Center, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Preemies Today will be hosting a parent and provider conference entitled, Navigating the Journey Through Childhood. \$25. marybethhazelgrove@preemiestoday.org. 703-283-8007.

SUNDAY/NOV. 1

"Raising Children in the 21st Century - Free Range: Child Neglect or Positive Parenting?" 2 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Hear from the experts. Opening Remarks by Fairfax County Superintendent Karen Garza. www.chabadva.org. 703-426-1980.

MONDAY/NOV. 2

Keep GMU Blue Rally. 4-5:30 p.m. North Plaza, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Congressman Gerry Connolly will join the George Mason Democrats and the candidates running to represent George Mason University to reiterate, for the last time, the stakes of this election and the reasons to vote Democratic on Election Day. jrussel18@gmau.edu.

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Aldi Hiring Event. 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Courtyard Marriott, 4641 Kenmore Ave., Alexandria. ALDI will host two hiring events for its Alexandria and Springfield area stores.

SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Scouting for Food. Burke Centre Shopping Center, 5649 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Cub Scout Troop 1346 will distribute plastic shopping bags to Burke Centre residences. The

MONDAY/NOV. 9

"Using the Internet to Build an Audience." 7-9 p.m. Gunnel House at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. author Stephanie Buckwalter will explain how to use social media, online networking and search engine tools to build an audience. Free. 703-803-9447.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Keeping Your Loved One Safe. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Join us to discuss various options to keep your loved one with dementia safe in the home. Free. 703-204-4664. RSVP.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Future Quest 2015. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. George Mason University in the Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest is a free college and career forum for students with disabilities, parents and professionals. <http://futurequest.gmu.edu>.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.ftministries.org.

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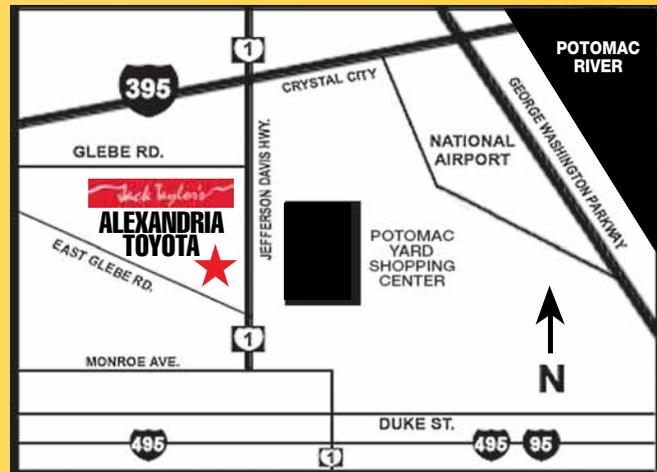
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